GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3215
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2008
WOMEN DESERTED BY NRI HUSBANDS
Botcha Lakshmi Smt. Jhansi;Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments has decided to provided legal and financial assistance to women who have been deserted by their NRI husbands;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also contemplating to establish Marriage Registration office for this purpose;and

(d) if so,the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs has introduced a scheme to provide legal/financial assistance to Indian women deserted by their overseas Indian spouses and who are victims of fraudulent marriages or are facing divorce proceedings in a foreign country.The scheme has been launched in USA,UK,Australia,New Zealand and the Gulf town where several such cases are being reported.

(c): No,Sir.

(d): Does not arise.